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PLUS HITS FROM THE FABULOUS FIRST ALBUM
"M A D N N A"

## MADONNA

It's hard to imagine what the year 1984 would've been like without Madonna. It's especially hard to really evaluate the impact of an artist who arrives at the right place at the exactly right moment and delivers all the goods. Sure, there's a way to measure the skyrocketing success of this particular overnight sensation. Her debut album, MADONNA for example, has soared past platinum status and is well on it's way to a double dose of precious metal. And that's only on home turf. Madonna has also earned chart-topping sales and airplay status in South Africa, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Australia and a whole lot of others, places where great music and charisma count. But how can you measure the fact that, in the short but significant year since the release of her Sire debut, she has set the music industry on its ear, dazzling the tastemakers with scintillating, savvy star quality and earning acclaim in the only way that really counts—on her own terms?

If it's hard to conceive of 1984 without Madonna, try and imagine 1985 without LIKE A VIRGIN, her latest release



and the only proof anyone's going to need that a star has indeed been born. Simply stated, *LIKE A VIRGIN* is the rarest of all pop commodities—an album with no bad cuts. There isn't a song here that doesn't grab, hold and stay with you long after the needle's left the groove. "Like a Virgin" is the album's debut single, but there's no doubt that any cut could, and probably will be, a hit. Madonna's vocal performance is distinctive, unerringly on-target and stunningly complimented by producer Nile Rodgers' supple studio magic. *LIKE A VIRGIN* is an album that says a lot about what's fun and tantilizing and fresh about music in the Eighties. It's also a classic piece of pure pop craftsmanship.

Madonna's startling rise to stardom might come as a surprise to anyone who didn't know this vivacious, ambitious and extraordinarily talented twenty-four-year-old. Madonna Louise Ciccone was named after her mother and born to a large family (five brothers and two sisters) in the Detroit suburb of Bay City, Michigan. Even in her early years, Madonna's creative penchant was in evidence. In the eighth grade she starred in a super-8 movie directed by a

friend, who fried an egg on her stomach. She appeared in plays in each of the three Catholic schools she attended, took piano lessons and gradually developed an interest in dancing. A ballet teacher nurtured her fledgling abilities and, after graduation she enrolled at the University of Michigan on a dance scholarship.

The seventeen-year-old Madonna was even then, however, interested in something more than a conventional career in the established dance world. She was shortly to leave college and head for New York, arriving in 1978 with \$35.00 in her pocket. She served a brief stint with the Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe and as an assistant to Pearl Lange of the Martha Graham Troupe, but by now her interests were leading her elsewhere, specifically to the untested waters of pop music. She began playing in a series of New York loft and garage bands, learning to play a variety of instruments practicing her songwriting skills. An audition as a singer/dancer for French disco star Patrick Hernandez led to a brief sojourn in Paris and a lot of promises to make her a star.

Madonna had other ideas. Returning to New York she continued to fashion her own mix of fundamental rock and roll, classic pop and contemporary dance music, writing and recording demos during the day and making the rounds of clubs, establishing industry contacts, at night. It was a lot of hard work that eventually paid off with a recording contract at Sire Records, based largely on a four-track demo of original material.

While tunes like "Borderline" and "Lucky Star" were burning up the airwaves in 1984, Madonna returned to the studio with renowned producer/arranger/instrumentalist Nile Rodgers to start work on what was to become LIKE A VIRGIN. The album would feature such Madonna originals as "Over And Over," "Shoo-Bee-Doo," "Pretender," and "Stay." She has, in the meantime, begun to find new outlets for her abundant talents. She will shortly be appearing in two new films–first as a nightclub singer in Vision Quest, then in a featured role in Desperately Seeking Susan.

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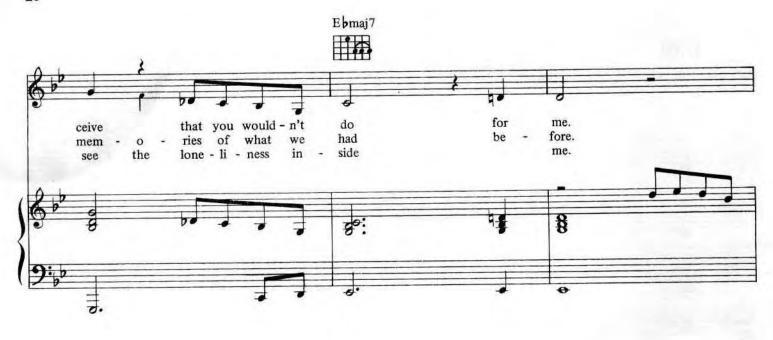


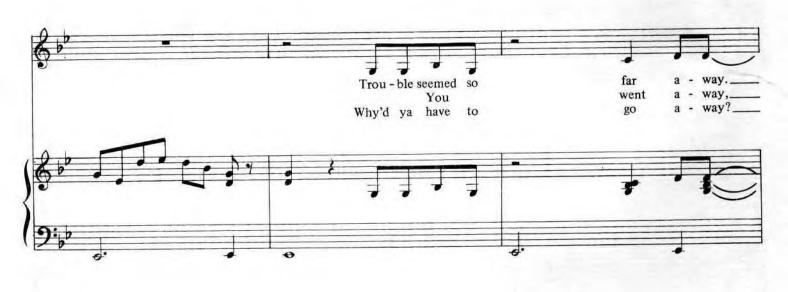
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